



Express Mail Label No.: EV292460947US  
Date of Deposit: June 3, 2004

DOCKET NO: D0188.70087US00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Mulhauser et al.  
Serial No: 08/250,657  
Confirmation No: 1585  
Filed: May 27, 1994  
For: APPARATUS FOR LOADING AND DELIVERING AN  
IMPLANTABLE PROSTHESIS  
Examiner: David J. Isabella  
Art Unit: 3738

---

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**RESPONSE**

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 4, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this response.

RECEIVED  
JUN 14 2004  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 113700